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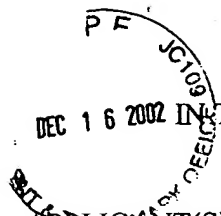
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**I. SUBMITTED UNITED STATES PATENT REFERENCES**

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
A1	5,900,892	Mantell, et al.	May 4, 1999

**II. SUBMITTED FOREIGN PATENT REFERENCES**

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### III. EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The references were cited in Singapore Patent Office Search Report of October 25, 2002 in counterpart Singapore Patent Application No. 200104480-9. A copy of the Search Report is submitted herewith.

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